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Commonwealth Situation Report #6
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1. Situation

A system of severe storms began moving through Southwest Virginia on May 24, 2004. Flash flooding occurred on May 24-25 in Tazewell and Russell counties. Tornadoes damaged homes in Lee County on May 28. Flash floods impacted Buchanan County and several other counties in Southwest Virginia over the June 12-15 period.

Governor Warner declared a State of Emergency for Tazewell and Russell counties on May 25 and expanded the declaration to include Lee County on June 3.

On June 2, 2004, Governor Mark R. Warner requested that President Bush issue a major disaster declaration for Lee, Russell and Tazewell counties. He requested federal aid through the Individual Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs. President Bush granted a Federal Disaster Declaration for Lee, Russell and Tazewell counties on June 15, 2004.

On June 25, 2004, Governor Warner signed the FEMA-Commonwealth Agreement to implement recovery programs.

2. Weather for Russell County and Tazewell County

Today: Showers and thunderstorms, some with very heavy rainfall, highs in the lower 70s, light and variable winds becoming southwest around 10 mph this afternoon.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely in the evening, then a chance of showers after midnight, lows around 60, light and variable winds, chance of rain 70 percent.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of morning showers, highs in the mid 70s, northwest winds around 10 mph.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy, lows in the mid 50s, light and variable winds.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, highs in the upper 70s, light and variable winds.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy, lows in the upper 50s.

3. Current State/Federal Priorities and Objectives

- ❑ Notify affected communities of the availability of federal disaster assistance.
- ❑ Address potential housing and rental resources issues.
- ❑ ***Implement*** Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- ❑ Manage public expectations through targeted media releases and appropriate contacts with public officials.
- ❑ Joint FCO/SCO determination of Incident Period closure date.
- ❑ ***Implement Other Needs Assistance (ONA) Program.***

4. Recovery Activities

A. Human Services

- ❑ Steps are being taken to remove a mobile home from a creek. The home poses a safety hazard if additional flooding should occur.

See ***page 5 and 6*** for statistical information on registrations, activity in the Individuals and Households Program (IHP), Small Business Administration (SBA), and the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC).

i. Volunteer Organizations

- ❑ A FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaison has arrived at the DFO and is coordinating activities with agencies and the Commonwealth.

ii. Disaster Recovery Center

- ❑ The local recovery task forces in Russell and Tazewell counties are assisting as requested and have representatives in the DRC to meet with individuals. ***Seven (7) applicants visited with task force representatives.***

iii. Donations Management

- ❑ Tazewell and Russell counties are coordinating distribution of donated goods.
- ❑ Clinch Valley Community Action (CVCA) is providing disaster relief to all local counties at 1161 Second St. in Richlands, Va. Applicants must be referred by FEMA, the American Red Cross or VDEM to be eligible. This donation center may be able to help with cleaning supplies, furniture, clothing and personal care items. They may also be able to fill special needs as available.

iv. Disaster Unemployment Assistance

- ❑ Effective June 18, 2004, assistance is available for residents of the declared jurisdictions. Residents can call or visit the nearest Virginia Employment Office. ***As of 6/24/04, no applications have been received for DUA.***

B. Mental Health

- ❑ The Cumberland Mountain Community Service Board is providing mental health assistance for residents of Tazewell and Russell counties. A representative is in the DRC in Richlands.

C. Community Relations (CR)

- ❑ The State Coordinator will request the FCO to add Buchanan County to the Presidential declaration.
- ❑ Four state/federal CR teams have been deployed in the three declared counties distributing flyers for Tele-Registration, the DRC location and the 1 800 FEMA contact information.
- ❑ Teams will be assessing unmet and special needs and researching available rental residential units in their assigned jurisdictions.
- ❑ CR Field Officers ***are leading*** outreach efforts at the anniversary celebration sponsored by a local radio station in Jonesville to distribute flyers and information to citizens.

D. Mitigation

- ❑ Mitigation Plan has been submitted to the SCO for approval.
- ❑ Provide mitigation counseling at DRC.
- ❑ Provide publications and information to CR for Jonesville effort.
- ❑ ***Travel Trailer Tip sheet was revised for SW Virginia and conveyed to Human Services.***
- ❑ ***Traveling to Bluefield, Va., to develop background information for "Success Stories" on HGMP efforts following the 2001, 2002 and 2003 flooding that impacted Bluefield.***
- ❑ ***Administration Plan and Volume 6 (Mitigation) of the Emergency Operations Plan have been conveyed to the Federal Mitigation Officer for approval.***

E. Legislative Liaison

- ❑ Appropriate State Senators and Delegates have been notified of the Presidential declaration and the opening of the DRC.

F. Hazardous Materials

- ❑ Regional Hazardous Material Officer is continuing to monitor situations in the area.

G. Public Affairs

- ❑ ***News releases sent to declared counties on 6/24 - Federal/State Community Relations Teams Field Work, 6/25 - Federal and state disaster grants do not impact other types of assistance, i.e. Social Security payments or Aid to Families with Dependent Children.***
- ❑ ***Follow-up phone calls to radio and television stations regarding DRC weekend hours.***
- ❑ ***Continue working with Mitigation on development of "Success Stories" piece.***

H. Disaster Recovery Task Forces

- ❑ The task forces for Russell and Tazewell counties have representatives in the DRC in Richlands.

I. Miscellaneous Actions:

- ❑ VDH (Health) and DEQ (Environmental Quality) in Russell and Tazewell counties continue to assist citizens with evaluating drinking water safety.
- ❑ Tetanus vaccinations remain available from the local health departments.

J. State Coordinating Officer

- ❑ *Next Commonwealth sitrep will be Monday June 28, then Tuesdays and Thursdays thereafter.*
- ❑ DFO will be open M-F (8 a.m. – 6 p.m.), Saturdays (8 a.m. -1 p.m.). DFO will be closed Sundays.
The DFO will be open on Monday, July 5, (Holiday) with minimum staff.
- ❑ Daily contact with local Emergency Management and other local officials.

Signed, Mary Camp, Dep. SCO

Authority of Michael M. Cline, State Coordinator
/s/ Mary Camp, Deputy State Coordinating Officer

INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE-DAILY STATUS REPORT
FEMA DR-1525VA
June 25, 2004

COB: 06-24-2004

TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	598		
DAILY REGISTRATION	44		
		DAILY	CUM
		DESIGNATED COUNTIES	41
		UNDESIGNATED COUNTIES	3
			67

INDIVIDUALS & HOUSEHOLDS PROGRAM (IHP) OVERVIEW

Eligibility Rate	55%	Payments Apprv'd	<i>\$435,848.86</i>
Registrations Referred	477	Payments Disb'd	<i>\$407,077.67</i>
Registrations Approved	264		
Registrations Ineligible	78		
Registrations Withdrawn	6		
Registrations Pending	129	IHP Max Awards	20

HOUSING ASSISTANCE (HA)

Eligibility Rate	56%
\$ Amount Apvd	<i>\$435,848.86</i>
\$ Amount Disbursed	<i>\$407,077.67</i>
Referrals	469
Approved	264
Ineligible	76
Withdrawn	6
Pending HA Categories	123

OTHER NEEDS ASSISTANCE (ONA)

Eligibility Rate	0%
\$ Amount Apvd	\$0.00
\$ Amount Disbursed	\$0.00
Referrals	177
Approved	0
Ineligible	31
Withdrawn	3
Pending ONA Categories	143

INSPECTION SERVICES (IS)

Inspections Issued	478
Returned to FEMA	442
Outstanding	36
Inspectors in the Field	5
Turnaround Time	<i>01.06.04</i>
QC Inspections	34
% Of Inspections Completed	92%

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

Home App. Issued	272
Business App. Issued	42
EIDL	0
Total App. Issued	314
Approved	0
Pending	19
Total \$ Approved	0

DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS		OPEN	CLOSED	TODAY	CUMULATIVE
TAZEWELL (RICHLANDS)	FIXED	6/21/2004		<i>19</i>	<i>125</i>
TOTAL				<i>19</i>	<i>125</i>

DESIGNATED COUNTIES	DAILY	CUMULATIVE
LEE (COUNTY)	<i>5</i>	<i>59</i>
RUSSELL (COUNTY)	<i>19</i>	<i>234</i>
TAZEWELL (COUNTY)	<i>17</i>	<i>236</i>
TOTAL	<i>41</i>	<i>529</i>

UNDESIGNATED COUNTIES	DAILY	CUMULATIVE
AUGUSTA (COUNTY)	0	1
BUCHANAN (COUNTY)	<i>0</i>	51
DICKENSON (COUNTY)	<i>0</i>	2
DINWIDDIE (COUNTY)	0	1
EAST BATON ROUGE (PARISH)	0	1
HENRY (COUNTY)	0	1
JEFFERSON (COUNTY)	0	1
PAGE (COUNTY)	0	1
SCOTT (COUNTY)	0	1
WASHINGTON (COUNTY)	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>
WISE (COUNTY)	0	2
WOOD (COUNTY)	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>67</i>

Note: Wood County is in West Virginia and East Baton Rouge (Parish) is in Louisiana. Both will be removed from the next FEMA Individual Assistance Daily Status Report.